

UNIT

5

GETTING AROUND



Comparisons: "Just as...as"/"Not as...as"



When you want to say something similar, use "**as – as**".

Examples:

- The bus is **as fast as** the taxi.
- The weather is **as windy as** it was yesterday.

When you want to say one thing is less than another, you can either use "**less than**" or "**not as – as**".

Examples:

- This bus is **less faster than** I thought.
- The weather is **not as windy as** yesterday.

Making comparisons with “(not) as...as”

The comparative "**as...as**" shows how two subjects have same aspects of quality. The second "**as**" is a preposition acts as the prepositional phrase which takes a noun or a clause as its complement.

Adjectives (qualities)

- The seats are **as comfortable as** the cushions.
- The three-star hotel is **as luxurious as** the resort.

Adverbs (how something is done)

- I ran **as fast as** I could to reach the school on time.
- The boat arrives **as early as** the cruise ship.

Nouns (quantities)

- Nina spends **as little time as** possible on her commute.
- The children don't queue **as neatly as** they should.
- Toni doesn't pay **as much attention to the streets as** his mother told him to.

Equality : ... as ----- as... (positive sentence)

Inequality : ... not as ----- as... (negative sentence)

Adjectives

- The bicycle is **as stylish as** the scooter.
- The bicycle is **as heavy as** the scooter (is).
- The bicycle is **as light as** the scooter (is).

Adverbs

- Apples grow **as slowly as** oranges (do).
- Apples fall to the ground **as quickly as** oranges (do).

Nouns

- Ilya made **as many mistakes** on the driving test **as** Asha (did).
- Ahmad spends **as much money** at the souvenir shop **as** Rajan (did).
- Jerry spends **as many dollars** at the market **as** Aina did.
- The bus doesn't have **as many windows as** the other buses.

Similes with as...as

(To compare one thing to another thing of a different kind)

- The roads are **as busy as a bee**.
- The car crash was **as loud as thunder**.
- The parking lot was **as empty as space**.
- The museum was **as cold as ice**.